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SUBJECT: LABOR TROUBLE IN BANGLADESH

DEPT PASS LABOR DEPARTMENT

ANKARA AND MANILA FOR REGIONAL LABOR ADVISORS

1. CONFLICT BETWEEN RIVAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN BANGLADESH BECOMING SERIOUS ONCE AGAIN. INITIATING INCIDENT WAS APRIL 5 ATTACK BY JATIYA SRAMIK LEAGUE (MANNAN) MEMBERS ON BANGLADESH SRAMIK FEDERATION WORKERS IN TONGI INDUSTIRAL AREA JUST NORTH OF DACCA. VICTIMS STREAMED INTO DACCA AFTER ORDER RESTRORED, CALLING ON PRIMIN MUJIB TO PROTEST. MUJIB'S ASSURANCES APPARENTLY INSUFFICIENT, FOR RALLY HELD APRIL 8 AT WHICH BSF LEADER KAZI ZAFAR AHMED INSISTED BDG YIELD TO DEMANDS FOR PUNISHMENT FOR PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR APRIL 5 INCIDENT, PROTECTION FOR NON-JSL (MANNAN) WORKERS, AND RELEASE FO NON-JSL (MANNAN) LABOR LEADERS ARRESTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APRIL 5. KAZI ZAFAR THREATENED "EXTREME ACTION" IF DEMANDS NOT MET. PARTICIPANTS IN RALLY DESITGNATED APRIL 15 AS PROTEST DAY. BSF SUPPORTED AT RALLY BY JSL (SHAHJAHAN) AND THREE SMALL LABOR FEDERATIONS.

2 . COMMENT: AS USUAL BDG APPARENTLY RELUCTANT TAKE PART OF NON- AL ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST AN AL AFFILIATE. INTERESTING THAT ANTI- AL LABOR GROUPS HAVE BEEN ABLE SUBMERGE DIFFERENCES AND UNITE AGAINST JSL (MANNAN). NOT YET CLEAR IF MORE VIOLENCE IN THE OFFING. NEWBERRY

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